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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Computer Time

1. During the past month the vastly increased Satellite Operation Center requirements for production of ephemeris data, plotter programs and target programs have forced us to use a considerable amount of other than scheduled computer time on the IBM 7090, 1410 and 1401. In many instances other users of the computers have been severely inconvenienced by our monopolizing of the equipment.

2. It has become obvious that the two hours per day previously allotted for OSA use during normal duty hours will not suffice. Therefore I have requested a total of four hours per day. This request has been honored and OSA will have the IBM 7090, 1410 and 1401 each day between 0900-1100 and 1400-1600. In the event we do not need all this time any one day we will immediately release the unused portion for other users. Off-duty time will be available for operational runs at our request.

3. As of this date we have instituted a new system for production runs and program debugging runs. This is possible since six operators have been operationally cleared and briefed. The new system will result in a decrease of set-up and tear-down time for each run and to some extent, allow our machine people to perform multiple tasks simultaneously. In summary I feel we have "tightened up" our procedures to affect economy with no decrease in efficiency or productivity.

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